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Foreign Investment in Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan for promoting foreign capital investment in the field of education in the country; and
(b) if so, the details of the said plan and the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b): The Government has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100% under the automatic route in educational Institutions subject to applicable laws/sectoral rules/regulation/security conditions.
The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified, on the 11th July, 2016, the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016 regarding collaboration between Indian Higher Educational Institutions and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions leading to the award of a degree. The regulations are available at http://www.egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2016/170684.pdf. As per these regulations, Indian Universities and Colleges having the highest grade of accreditation/threshold accreditation, and conforming to other eligibility conditions as laid down in the regulations, can apply online to the UGC for starting twining arrangement with Foreign Educational Institutions (FEI) having the prescribed quality.
All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has set norms for regulating collaboration and twinning program between Indian and Foreign University/Institutions in the field of Technical Education Research and Training with an objective to safeguard the interest of student community in India and ensure uniform maintenance of Norms & Standards as prescribed by various statutory bodies. These norms are available at http://www.aicte-india.org/downloads/Final%20_Approval%20Process%20Handbook%202017-18.pdf.
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